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TO: Directors, Supervisors, and Contact Persons Addressed

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DATE: September 13, 2012

SUBJECT: Webinar Training - School Nutrition Programs Certification of Compliance
with Meal Requirements for the National School Lunch Program

Section 201 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 made available an additional reimbursement of 6 cents per lunch for School Food Authorities (SFA) certified to comply with the new school meal patterns. In order to be eligible to receive this new performance-based reimbursement, a School Food Authority must be certified by the State agency to comply with the updated meal pattern requirements.

The Department of Education, Office of School Nutrition Programs is hosting Webinar training sessions titled, "***School Nutrition 6 Cents Certification Requirements.***" The training will address the process and procedures for applying for certification of compliance with the new meal pattern. The webinar will cover an overview of the certification requirements and demonstrate the required USDA certification tool.

The School Nutrition Director, supervisor, or contact person is strongly encouraged to participate in this important training session. There is no limit on the number of participants, therefore multiple individuals from the same division may register for the webinar and participate

Identical sessions of this same Webinar will be repeated three times on the following dates:

1. Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 2 to 4:30 p.m.
2. Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 9 to 11:30 a.m.
3. Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 2 to 4:30 p.m.

An e-mail with details of how to register and participate in the Webinar will be sent to all school nutrition directors, supervisors and contact persons. Follow the instructions in the e-mail to register prior to the sessions next week.

The attached documents (listed below) will be addressed during the webinar. Participants should download and become familiar with these documents before the training session.

1. USDA Memo SP 31-2012- (2nd Revision) July 16, 2012: *Questions and Answers Related to the Certification of Compliance with Meal Requirements for the National School Lunch Program*
2. USDA Memo SP 44-2012 (Revised) September 12, 2012: *CN Reauthorization 20120: Revised Questions and Answers Related to the 6 Cents Certification Tool*
3. USDA Certification Tools (Excel Workbooks):
 - a. Lunch Certification Worksheet, Grades K-5
 - b. Lunch Certification Worksheet, Grades 6-8
 - c. Lunch Certification Worksheet, Grades 9-12 (extended)
 - d. Lunch Certification Worksheet, Grades K-8
 - e. Breakfast Certification Worksheet, Grades K-12

If you have any questions, please contact the school nutrition specialist assigned to your division or the School Nutrition Programs Office at (804) 225-2074.

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